

CHAPTER THIRTY FOUR

*Digital \Leftrightarrow Analog Converters (DAC
and ADC)*

Introduction

In many applications, it is needed to process data digitally. Therefore, ADC and DAC circuits are of importance

Digital-to-Analog Converter

Example

$$\underbrace{(100110)_2}_{\text{Digital form}} \rightarrow \underbrace{(1 \times 2^5 + 0 \times 2^4 + 0 \times 2^3 + 1 \times 2^2 + 1 \times 2^1 + 0 \times 2^0)}_{\text{Analog form}} = 32 + 4 + 2 = 38$$

$$(10 \cdots 01 \cdots 10 \cdots)_2 \rightarrow (D_{M-1} \times 2^{M-1} + D_{M-2} \times 2^{M-2} + \cdots + D_1 \times 2^1 + D_0)$$

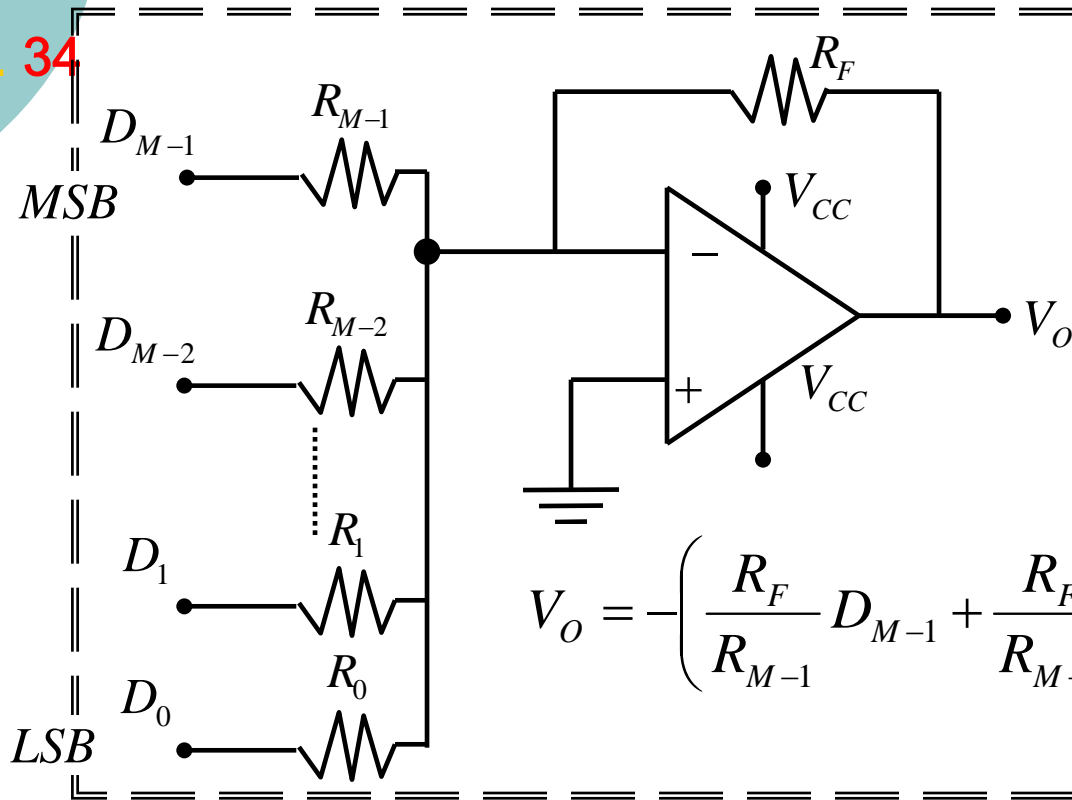
$(D_{M-1} D_{M-2} \cdots D_1 D_0)$: is the binary word

M : number of bits

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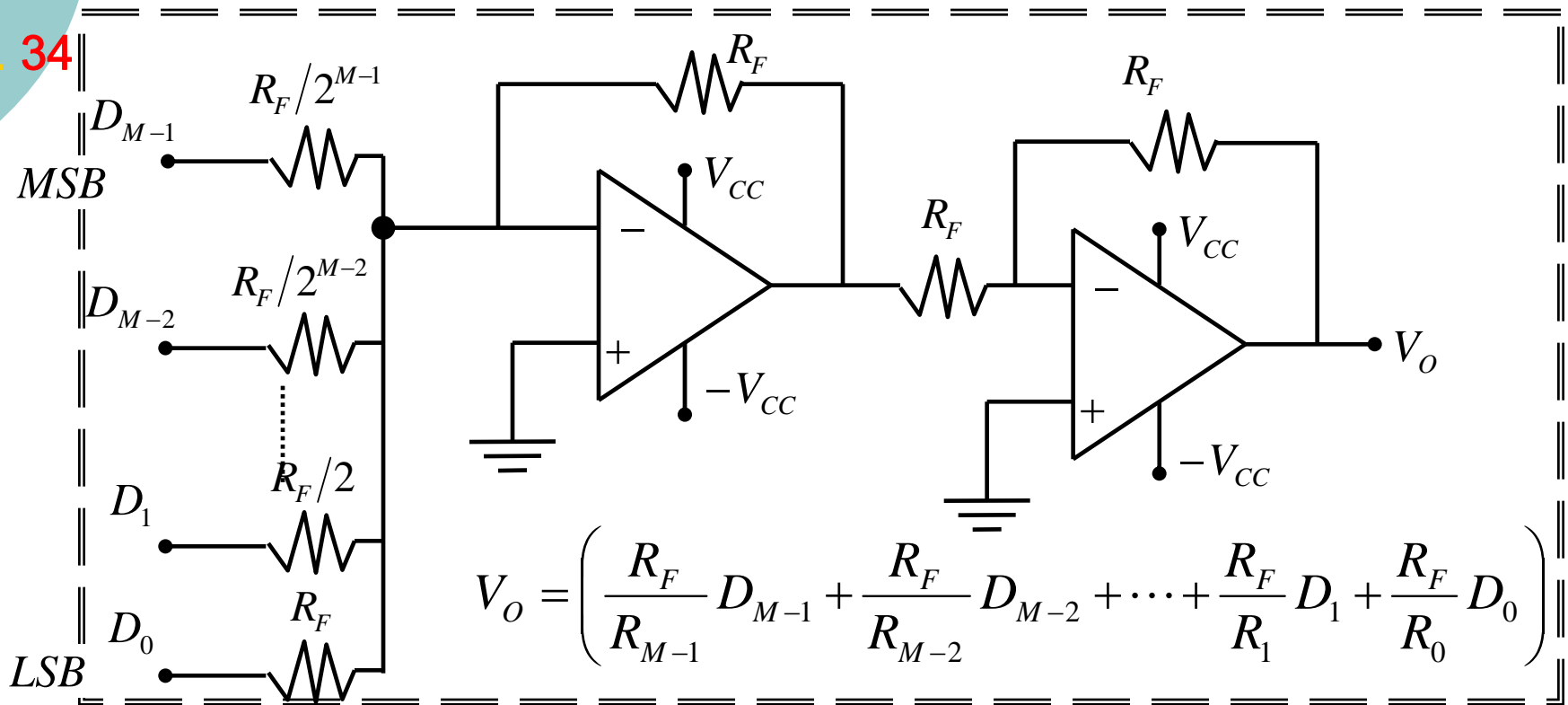


$$V_O = - \left(\frac{R_F}{R_{M-1}} D_{M-1} + \frac{R_F}{R_{M-2}} D_{M-2} + \cdots + \frac{R_F}{R_1} D_1 + \frac{R_F}{R_0} D_0 \right)$$

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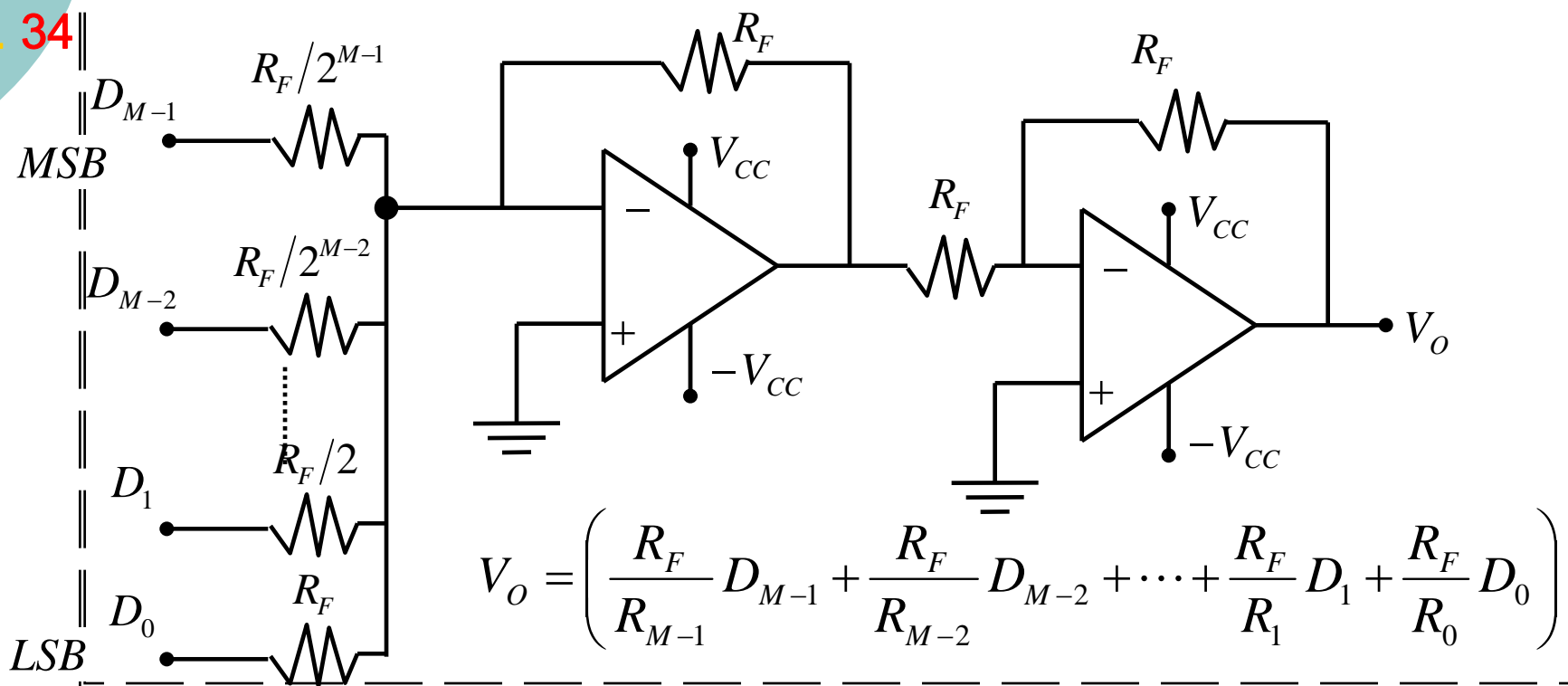
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Digital-to-Analog Converter

Disadvantage

To design such a circuit, we need a wide range of resistor values which may not be easily found in the laboratory



Ladder Digital-to-Analog Converter

Advantage To design such a circuit, we need only two values of resistors

